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FRONT PLANS WORK STOPPAGE AT BRITISH FIRMS

PY282044 Paris AFP in Spanish 1755 GMT 28 Jan 83

[Text] Lima 28 Jan (AFP) -- The Latin American Argentine Malvinas Front [Frente Latino-Americano Malvinas Argentinas] has reported in Lima that it is organizing a stoppage in all British companies established in Latin America scheduled for 2 April 1983.

The first anniversary of the occupation of the Malvinas by Argentine troops will be celebrated on that day. This front recalled that last year it mobilized regional public opinion in support of the Argentine claim.

Eduardo Val, chairman of the front, told reporters that as far as Peru is concerned, the stoppage has the support of all the union boards in the country, and that the Latin American Interunion Group has also promised its support for the initiative.

LA PAZ MEETING OF LEFTIST POLITICAL GROUPS ENDS

PY010218 La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish 0000 GMT 1 Feb 83

[Text] The third meeting of South American leftist political groups concluded today with the signing of the declaration of La Paz.

South American leftist leaders held a 2-day meeting in La Paz. The document signed at the end of the deliberations emphasizes that the Latin American people's liberation will be attained only when all the governments of the continent adopt a democratic and popular system.

The declaration also praises the prevailing of democracy in Bolivia, something which encourages all the countries to seek the consolidation of a democratic process.

During a press conference held a few hours ago, Deputy (Carlos Roca Caceres), member of APRA [American Revolutionary Popular Alliance] of Peru, read out some of the highlights of the document signed by leftist leaders of seven nations.

[Begin (Roca Caceres) recording] Bolivia's democratization is proof that the announcement made during the meeting held in Lima to analyze the situation of the dictatorial regimes of the region was right.

We hereby state that the liberating struggle of large majority groups continues with better prospects for success in Argentina and Uruguay, to which we express our strongest support. At the same time, we hereby condemn the antinational dictatorships of Chile and Paraguay, which continue to maintain repressive systems. [end recording]

(Alejandro Bramontes), leader of the MIR [Movement of the Revolutionary Left] of Chile, stated that Chile is currently immersed in a political, economic, moral and social crisis.

Asked about the problems [words indistinct], (Bramontes) stated:

[Begin (Bramontes) recording] Chile is currently immersed in a political, economic, moral and social crisis. This crisis, which began to aggravate by mid 1981, became really dramatic in 1982. [passage indistinct] for example, the present unemployment rate. [end recording]

The Chilean MIR leader also stated that Chile's rate of unemployment is currently running at 33 percent [words indistinct] the serious financial situation. He also stated that (?industrial production decreased by) 17 percent in relation to previous years.

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PAPER REPORTS MONTONEROS-FINANCED MEETING

PY311326 Paris AFP in Spanish 2208 GMT 29 Jan 83

[Text] La Paz, 29 Jan (AFP) -- The meeting of South American political forces, which is being held in this city, has been financed by Argentina's ultraleftist Montonero Movement, the newspaper MERIDIANO charged here today.

The newspaper regrets that the governing National Revolutionary Movement of the Left (MNRI) has sponsored the meeting, and recalls that the Montonero's irresponsible attitude provoked bloodshed in their own country.

The newspaper also notes that such meetings do not contribute to the strengthening of the democratic process and that, to the contrary, they worry the armed forces and other power sectors.

The meeting is being attended by the Montoneros, the MNRI, the Bolivian Socialist Party One, the Bolvian Communist Party, the Brazilian Workers Democratic Party, the MIR [Movement of the Revolutionary Left], the Chilean Socialist Party, the Chilean Communist Party, the Ecuadorean Radical Alfarista Front and Uruguay's Democratic Convergence.

CARTAGENA UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING 21 FEB

PA282035 Bogota Domestic Service in Spanish 1730 GMT 27 Jan 83

[Special report by correspondent Elvira Sanchez]

[Excerpt] The prepatory meeting for the UN Conference for Trade and Development, UNCTAD, will meet in Cartagena on 21 February, Colombian Foreign Minister Rodrigo Lloreda Caicedo confirmed today as he was leaving the cabinet meeting in Narino Government Palace. This is his statement:

[Begin recording] As of 21 February, and at ministerial level, an important group of foreign and economy ministers of the continent will meet to discuss economic issues. Many ministers have confirmed that they will attend. Among the foreign ministers who have expressed their wish to attend the Cartagena meeting are all the foreign ministers of the Andean Pact subregion and the foreign ministers of Brazil, Argentina, and Jamaica.

Other distinguished spokesmen of Latin American countries will probably confirm their attendance in the coming days. President Betancur will open the ministerial meeting on 25 February in Cartagena. The meetings have the important role of defining the position of Latin America at the Third World or so-called Group of 77 conference, which will be held around late March and early April in Buenos Aires. All this is part of the process to be taken to the sixth UNCTAD in Belgrade, which is scheduled for the month of June. I think that the starting point for unification of views at the Latin American level is the Cartagena meeting. [end recording]

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ALCIVAR REPORTS RESULTS OF ANDEAN PACT MEETING

PA020144 Quito Cadena Ecuador Radio in Spanish 2300 GMT 31 Jan 83

[Text] Industries Minister Orlando Alcivar has said that the participants in the Cartagena Agreement Commission meeting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia reaffirmed the value of the integration process, noted the leading role of the private sector and solved some of the Andean countries' bilateral problems. He explained that Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela confirmed their decision to remain in the Andean Pact. He said that the participants recommended that those countries' governments officially appoint a private sector representative for the Andean Pact.

Alcivar also reported that Ecuador solved its trade restriction problem with Colombia, adding that an agreement to lift those trade restrictions was signed. He said that other countries, including Colombia and Peru, also solved problems involved in marketing their products. The minister said that Venezuela was the only country with which the problem of restrictions was not (?solved).

[Begin Alcivar recording] The Cartagena Agreement Commission meeting in a Cruz enabled all of the countries to express their viewpoints on the essential pects of the Cartagena Agreement that require change. I think that there is agreement on restructuring the agreement's essential aspects. Obviously, what was not achieved -- and I don't think it will be in the commission's next meeting, either -- is some kind of agreement on specifics or on the way that the restructuring should be implemented. International agreements of this kind, involving five countries' interests, some concurring and others not, cannot be solved in a single meeting. I think that the most important achievement was that, for the first time, we held an indepth discussion and admitted that the Cartagena Agreement needs a thorough restructuring. All of the countries also reiterated their faith in the integration process. They recognized that the Andean Pact has defects and errors and that it has been unable to function fully and completely thus far. On closing the meeting, President Siles Zuazo expressed Bolivia's integrationist spirit. And despite the fact that the Colombian press had said on the previous day that Colombia would withdraw from the agreement, the Colombian Government, through the development minister, officially expressed its desire to remain in the Cartagena Agreement. You already know Ecuador's position in this regard. Peru also reiterated its position. Venezuela did likewise, when President Herrera called on the last day of the meeting. Still, for some reason Venezuela maintains trade restrictions that affect the smooth development of the agreement. Yet that was the first great achievement.

As for your question about Colombia, this is a great opportunity to tell the country that Colombia's trade restrictions have been lifted. I am pleased about this agreement with Colombia. Similarly, Ecuador has lifted its restrictions against Colombia. We signed an agreement with the president of the Colombian Foreign Trade Institute on Friday in Santa Cruz and our products will now be able to reach the Colombian market without any problems. This is particularly true with sardines, which were one of the products most affected, and especially now when Holy Week is coming, which, as you know, is the season when this kind of product is sold most successfully in the Colombian market.

Our second great achievement at the meeting was the resolution on greater direct participation by the subregion's businessmen in the decisions involving the restructuring of the Cartagena Agreement. [end recording]

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LA NACION INTERVIEWS JUAN AGUIRRE LANARI

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[Undated interview with Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari -- in Buenos Aires]

[Text] [Question] What significance will the upcoming Group of 77 meeting in Buenos Aires have for Argentina's foreign policy?

[Answer] During the meeting, Argentina's foreign policy will confirm its firm national commitment to contribute to finding reasonable and just solutions to the serious world economic problems that are affecting the well being of developing nations, including their political stability and security. Our responsibility as hosts will be to secure a successful meeting. The results will be of interest to the industrialized countries.

[Question] Will only foreign ministers from the Group of 77 participate in the meeting?

[Answer] I sent invitations to the foreign ministers of the Group of 77 member countries some days ago. The specific reason for this meeting is that the vital interests of the developing nations have been affected by an unprecedented economic and financial crisis for the past few decades. This world crisis is marked by recession, a slump in world trade, a drastic drop in the price of raw materials and an increase in the foreign debt of the developing nations and of the Latin American nations in particular.

Above all things, this is basically a political crisis that requires political solutions. Although the experts and economists will have to propose solutions, it is also necessary that the persons responsible for the fields of international policy and trade of our countries also participate in finding solutiOns to this crisis, which could affect world peace. For this reason, many of our foreign ministers will also participate in the meeting along with our experts in international economic subjects.

[Question] What specific result is the meeting expected to have?

[Answer] The specific purpose of the meeting is to have the developing nations adopt a joint position concerning the sixth UNCTAD meeting that industrialized, communist and developing nations will hold in Belgrade in June. For this reason, the meeting in Buenos Aires is expected to have positive results, to propose high-level political solutions to the world economic crisis. On their part, industrialized countries will hold a meeting in Paris in May, which will be preparatory to the UNCTAD meeting. The ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 in Buenos Aires and the sixth UNCTAD meeting are appropriate forums for adopting specific measures aimed at reactivating the economy in keeping with the principles and objectives established by our countries. I am not saying that these are not the only forums where this can be attained, but they are the only ones that will meet this year. For this reason, we must avail ourselves of them since real and effective solutions will only be arrived at through negotiations in which we all participate. We must all help find solutions because this crisis is affecting all of us.

[Question] What is the real situation of the Cartagena meeting that you will attend?

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[Passages in all capitals denote boldface as published]

[Text] The proposal for a peaceful solution to the conflict over the Malvinas made by the British Government on 17 May 1982, one month before the surrender of Puerto Argentino, PROVIDED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE AND BRITISH FORCES AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ISLANDS BY THE UNITED NATIONS. IT ALSO ESTABLISHED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES' CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ARCHIPELAGOS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY DEVELOPMENT THAT MIGHT TAKE PLACE AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

Two days later -- on 19 May 1982 -- Argentina made a counterproposal that also provided for the withdrawal of forces and the provisional administration of the islands by the United Nations, but established that "the flags of the two countries should be hoisted up beside that of the United Nations" and that the administrator would appoint an equal number of Argentine and British residents of the islands to act as his advisors.

Copies of the two proposals, which were obtained from "HIGHLY RELAIBLE SOURCES" were published here in the last issue of the magazine "ESTRATEGIA" as part of an article on the armed conflict.

The British proposal in paragraph 1 of article 1 clearly established that "NONE OF THE POINTS OF THIS PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHTS, CLAIMS AND POSITION OF EACH OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FINAL PEACEFUL AGREEMENT OVER THE ISLANDS."

Moreover, in paragraph 2 the British proposed to establish that "no act or activity that may take place while the provisional agreement is in force would represent the grounds to base, support or deny a claim of territorial sovereignty over the islands or to grant any sovereign right over the islands."

The provisional agreement suggested by the British Government provided for the withdrawal of all armed forces belonging to the two countries, preceded by a complete cease-fire and an end to hostilities, the elimination of all exclusion zones, the lifting of blockades and economic measures taken against the other party in addition to requesting third countries to also lift similar sanctions.

It was reportedly also established that the two nations "JOINTLY PROMOTED" a draft resolution in the United Nations to recognize the agreement and appoint a UN "administrator" for the islands "who would be a person acceptable to both Argentina and the United Kingdom" and "WHO WOULD BE OFFICIALLY IN CHARGE OF MANAGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLANDS."

This administrator would govern by consulting the "REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISHED ON THE ISLANDS," the Island Council and "one representative of the Argentine population normally residing on the islands." He would also be in charge of supervising the "withdrawal of all armed forces from the islands" and of drawing up "an effective plan to prevent them from returning."

Moreover, each party would be entitled to have three observers on the islands and the previous bilateral negotiations would be resumed as well as the Argentine Air Forces' "COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE ISLANDS AND THE ARGENTINE MAINLAND."

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PA091800 Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish 1130 GMT 9 Feb 83

[Text] During a meeting held Monday morning, the visiting ministers of Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Barbados, met with Gustavo Galindo, Ecuadorean natural resources and energy minister, and with the special delegates of Brazil and the Dominican Republic, to exchange views on the current oil situation.

They analyzed the alternatives created by the present situation of prices in the oil market and agreed that another drop in oil prices would create disadvantages for exporters and importers and that a sharp increase in prices would also have adverse effects.

Francisco Labastida, Mexican patrimony and industrial development secretary, said that his country is not planning to reduce oil prices, but has reduced its daily production from 3.2 to 2.8 million barrels.

There was a consensus among those present that the oil problem is not only the concern of OPEC, but also of the other oil-exporting countries. They agreed to hold permanent consultation meetings to decide on a common policy.

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PY102333 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARTENTINAS in Spanish 1350 GMT 10 Feb 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 10 Feb (NA) -- It was reported that Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Aguirre Lanari and Uruguayan Foreign Minister Carlos Maeso signed today an air transportation agreement and ratified previous agreements regarding tourism.

Moreover, the foreign ministers discussed other issues regarding bilateral relations and once they concluded their meeting at the Foreign Ministry, they went to the presidential yacht "Tecuera" where they attended a luncheon.

Maeso, who yesterday began a 3-day visit to Argentina, admitted that the Uruguayan Government has authorized the stopover in Uruguay of British planes transporting to the Malvinas Islands the relatives of British soldiers who died in the archipelgo.

The diplomat said: "This position is in keeping with the conduct that my country has followed in previous similar cases, but it does not contradict Uruguay's position supporting Argentina's rights over the islands."

The statement issued by the head of Uruguayan diplomacy, which was issued at the Foreign Ministry a few minutes before he was decorated by Argentine Foreign Minister Aguirre Lanari, contradicts the statement he made upon his arrival at the metropolitan airport. At that time Maeso denied that the British Government had requested authorization for British planes to stopover on Uruguayan soil. When asked about this possibility he said that "it may be studied" but he did not give any details.

However, a few hours later he admitted at the Foreign Ministry that British planes would stopover in Uruguay and he added that "Great Britain had made this request and it was granted on strictly humanitarian grounds." He noted: "This is by no means a precedent for a change in Uruguay's position in this regard."

The Uruguayan foreign minister will hold a meeting tomorrow at noon with President Reynaldo Bignone. After this meeting he will depart for his country.

'NEW FORM OF REPRESSION' SEEN IN SLANDER SUITS

PY102307 Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English 10 Feb 83 p 7

[Excerpt] (DYN-NA) -- The decision by the government to analyze statements by local politicians and to decide whether they can be taken to court for slander, was described yesterday by political leaders as a "new form of repression" and "a veiled threat."

The decision to seek evidence of slander was taken during a meeting on Monday between President Reynaldo Bignone and the interior minister, General Llamil Reston, as well as at a meeting of the secretaries general of the Armed Forces the same day and reliable sources said the first politicians to be sued would probably be radical leaders Raul Alfonsin and Victor Martinez, and Justicialist Party Vice President Deolindo Bittel.

The government is trying to bring charges against them under article 75, 109 and 110 of the Penal Code which refer to slander damages and defamation of character.

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MEXICAN NAVY SEIZES TWO U.S. SHIPS 11 FEB

FL112138 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 2016 GMT 11 Feb 83

[Text] Mexico City, 11 Feb (NOTIMEX) -- The Navy Secretariat announced today that Mexico's Navy units had seized two U.S. ships which were shrimping in territorial waters. The report states that the tugboat "Oromi" of the Mexican Navy had seized the trawler "W.J. Junior" of U.S. registry fishing illegally 3 nautical miles off the coast of Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

It was also reported that the trawler "Toledo" of U.S. registry had been sighted 2.5 nautical miles off the coast, and that when it was stopped, 450 kilograms of frozen shrimp were found in its holds. The Navy Secretariat stated that the vessels were taken to the port of Tampico and placed under the jurisdiction of port authorities, which will be responsible for determining the corresponding sanctions.

LEFTISTS TO PROTEST QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT

PA140223 Paris AFP in English 0209 GMT 14 Feb 83

[Text] Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Feb 13 (AFP) -- Mexico's leftist political parties plan to issue formal protests against the visit here of [words indistinct] Queen Elizabeth at the end of this week, they announced Sunday. The head of the Socialist Workers Party, Adalberto Ramirez, said "monarchs represent imperialism and colonialism which have caused so much harm to society."

Abel Salgado, leader of the Unified Socialist Party, said the Mexican Government's planned official welcome for the Queen "is incongruous with the government's policy of austerity."

Mario Navarrete, head of the Mexican Workers Party, complained that preparations for the Queen's visit were "incongruous with Mexico's foreign policy of [words indistinct] Central American countries where the people are fighting to banish colonialism."

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are (?expected here on) [words indistinct] as part of a month-long trip through the Caribbean, Mexico, the United States and Canada.

DEFENSE SECRETARY DENIES BORDER MILITARIZATION

FL091832 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 1632 GMT 9 Feb 83

[Excerpt] Mexico City, 9 Feb (NOTIMEX) -- National Defense Secretary Juan Arevalo Gardoqui has denied that his country's southern border is being placed under military control since the [same] complement of troops had been manning the nation's 35 military regions for several years. In addition, Arevalo Gardoqui denied that the Mexican Army is buying weapons because what we have is enough to safeguard the interests of the nation.

ENERGY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS OIL PRICE CUT

FL121210 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 0235 GMT 12 Feb 83

[Text] Mexico City, 11 Feb (NOTIMEX) -- Mexico should reduce its oil prices if the world market continues its tendency to decline, the Energy Committee of the Chamber of Deputies said today.

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LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENT CONCLUDES MEETING 11 FEB

PY112226 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0005 GMT 11 Feb 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 10 Feb (NA) -- The Latin American Parliament supported today the process of return "to the constitutional and democratic order" initiated in Argentina and expressed hope that "a freely elected Argentine congress" will be incorporated into this parliament this very year. In another matter, it urged the Latin American governments to study the possibility of reaching an agreement on common action aimed at reducing "the pressure on their economies," to pay their foreign debt, which was estimated at $300 billion all told. The Latin American Parliament members who met in this capital also confirmed their recognition of the Argentine "historical and legal rights" over the Malvinas Islands. These remarks are included in the final document issued by the Latin American Parliament at the end of the 2-day meeting held at the city hotel in this capital.

Other resolutions approved during the meeting were the condemnation of the coup in Suriname and the decision to urge Latin American governments to render their "resolute support" for the integration processes in the continent. For this reason they handed over to the Latin American governments the project of the Latin American economic community approved by the Parliament. This initiative was considered the basis and the starting point for the preparation of a multilateral treaty.

The Latin American Parliament also expressed its repudiation "of all forms of terrorism" for considering its methods as being "antidemocratic, irrational and inhuman." In this regard it pointed out the current situation in Peru and condemned the murder of eight Peruvian journalists by peasants in the zone where the terrorist movement Shining Path centers its activity.

The parliament also reported that a new European American inter-parliamentary conference will be held in Brussels, Belgium, in June this year. The Latin American parliament members also complained to their European counterparts about the protectionist measures imposed by European governments through the EEC.

They also noted that there will be new meetings of the Economic Commission of the Latin American parliament (in June this year in Curacao), of the Political Commission (in October 1983 in Quito), of the Human Rights Commission (in January 1984 in Santo Domingo) and of the Culture Commission (in May 1984 in Lima).

In their meeting held in Buenos Aires, the board of directors paid homage to the memory of three Latin American democrats who died recently: Arturo Illia, Ricardo Balbin and Manuel Fernandez Marmol, vice president of the Dominican Republic. The Latin American Parliament also expressed support for a process similar to that in Argentina, in terms of democratization, by the current military governments of Chile and Uruguay.

The deliberations were presided over by Nelson Carneiro, of Brazil, head of the Latin American legislative body. Present also were the Vice Presidents Humberto Celli (from Venezuela), Ambiori Diaz Estrella (Dominican Republic), Marco Proano Maya (Ecuador), Humberto Pelaez (Colombia), Secretary General Andres Townsend Escurra (Peru), Alternate Secretary Luis de Leon Arias (Panama), Assistant Secretary Juan Onofre Bikker (Netherlands Antilles) and the head of the Technical Department Enrique Barrios Barrios (Venezuela). Present on behalf of Argentina were radical Senator Luis Leon and former provisional president of the last Peronist government Italo Luder, who in 1965 and 1975 respectively were presidents of the Latin American Parliament.

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PY141605 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1905 GMT 13 Feb 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 13 Feb (NA) -- President Reynaldo Bignone ruled out the possibility of a new outbreak of subversion in Argentina and he noted that the "deep wound" Argentina is suffering from now is the Malvinas defeat. Moreover, Bignone appealed to political leaders to "change the tone of their language" in their criticism of the government. President Bignone noted that he is going to govern "until the very last day" and he added that the Armed Forces "are going to hand over power; they are not disputing it among themselves." Bignone noted: "Therefore, I do not understand why instead of competing among themselves, many politicians enjoy slandering the Armed Forces, which are not competing in the elections." The President made this statement in interview he granted to the newspaper CONVICCION, which publishes the interview in today's issue. The interview took place at the Olivos residence last Wednesday afternoon after the president held a luncheon with General Christino Nicolaides.

Since there have been rumors about an imminent institutional crisis, the president's statements are of particular importance.

Regarding political leaders, General Bignone noted that "They will not win votes by insulting the Armed Forces." He added: "Voters will not have to choose between politicians and the Armed Forces but between politicians." He noted: "It is political parties that are disputing power among themselves."

President Bignone said that it is "completely normal" to criticize the government but that "slander and insults without political justification are a completely different matter."

Answering a question asked by the editor of CONVICCION, the president accepted the fact that after the military defeat in the Malvinas, it is "proper for the Armed Forces to make a visible and complete clean-up," but "one that is just and carefully thought out."

Bignone warned that "frequently an isolated incident is blown out of proportion and this only broadens the issue and obstructs the enforcement of justice."

General Bignone explained that the consequences of the war were not "only caused by the defeat itself but by defeat after being convinced that we were winning."

Regarding the possibility of a subverisive outbreak, he said that he does not believe this is possible. He noted that at least "it will not be with the same characteristics that we know." However, he noted that "there is no doubt that terrorist leaders are probably changing their tactics and adapting them to the present political situation the country is experiencing." Bignone warned that "we should not be surprised if subversives infiltrate political parties and unions." The president also noted that "we have experienced two wars, the war against subversion and the Malvinas war." He said: "Whether those persons who are now questioning this fact like it or not we won the first; and in the second we lost on the military front."

Regarding the recent criticism of the government and the Armed Forces, the president noted: "I would be very happy if they would just do one thing: Change their language." He added: "Words can have different tones. I would be happy if all of them used a moderate tone." He noted: "You would see how merely because of this there would be less tension over some issues and how the issues would be solved more easily."

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PY161243 Paris AFP in Spanish 2236 GMT 15 Feb 83

[Text] Mar del Plata, 15 Feb (AFP) -- It has been reported in this city, located 400 km south of Buenos Aires, that a clandestine radio broadcast, apparently of the Montoneros extremist group, interfered last night with the radio broadcast of the final match of the Argentine soccer championship.

According to unofficial sources, the broadcast of the match between Estudiantes and Tallers was interrupted by a voice that identified itself as being from the Montoneros group (leftist Peronists) and immediately went on to harshly criticize the current Argentine military government, while the Peronist march was heard in the background.

The interference of the self-styled Radio Liberacion could be heard only in this city for a short while, because its broadcast was soon blocked, apparently with modern electronic equipment.

NICOLAIDES DOCUMENT REAFFIRMS DEMOCRATIZATION

PY162349 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 2000 GMT 16 Feb 83

[Text] The following is a report on a seven-page document released by Army Commander in Chief General Cristino Nicolaides in Mendoza in the presence of the Mendoza garrison troops where he has been supervising exercises by mountain units. A report by a nonofficial news agency which was published today by a Buenos Aires afternoon newspaper states that General Nicolaides reaffirmed the Army's decision to guarantee the country's move toward institutionalization. He warned, however, that it is his responsibility to avoid excesses and to prevent those disguised advocates of totalitarianism from succeeding in their attempt at denying, in the name of freedom, the Argentine people the right to enjoy this very freedom.

In the document released at midnight, Nicolaides stated: We are neither better nor worse than the rest of the people and our positive and negative qualities are no different than theirs. He was thus addressing Army servicemen. Regarding the role of the Army at this stage when the move toward democratization is the main issue, Nicolaides said the Armed Forces have reaffirmed their unwavering decision to institutionalize the country and their commitment to devoting their best efforts to achieve this goal.

In a paragraph devoted to political and other national leaders, Nicolaides said he expected a positive contribution from responsible leaders who should propose feasible solutions to our problems without overlooking constructive criticism and without indulging in widespread, useless criticism which will only lead to frustration and confrontation.

Nicolaides said: I fully assume the challenge of this hour and I am determined to act as firmly as might be necessary, without concessions or pretty considerations, to enable our Army to guarantee national sovereignty and internal peace, which are essential for the country's future, in keeping with its specific responsibilities.

Regarding charges made recently against Army officers, Nicolaides said criticism is paramount in a democratic system, in a sound society. He made it clear, however, that some are mistaking criticism for offenses, slanders or injuries, thus abusing freedom of expression. Through generalizations which are damaging to our institution, they are pursuing spurious goals.

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PY171919 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2124 GMT 16 Feb 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 16 Feb (TELAM) -- Vice Admiral Carlos Castro Madero, chairman of the National Atomic Energy Commission, denied today the possibility that Great Britain might install a nuclear base on the Malvinas Islands. Castro Madero said Britain has commitments contracted through the Tlatelolco Treaty. He also feels that Great Britain would not violate these commitments so flagrantly. Castro Madero also discarded the possibility that Argentina could become a target for nuclear weapons. Castro Madero talked to the press at Ezeiza International Airport before leaving for Geneva where he will participate in a meeting of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency. He explained that at the meeting they will discuss the legitimacy of the use of nuclear energy to power British warships during the South Atlantic conflict.

Referring to the problem of nuclear waste, Castro Madero stated that studies are being carried out in Gastre to verify whether cavities left by mined granite selected as the storage space for spent nuclear fuel would be appropriate or not. This study will take all this year and then we will see whether we do have adequate funds to begin work. The vice admiral will also visit the FRG where he will talk with directors of the enterprise in charge of building Atucha II.

REPORTAGE ON PANAMA VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

Arrives 16 Feb

PY162130 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2034 GMT 16 Feb 83

[Text] Buenos Aires, 16 Feb (TELAM) -- Panamanian Vice President Jorge Ullueca arrived at the Jorge Newbery Metropolitan Airport on board the Argentine presidential plane this afternoon. The presidential plane brought Ullueca over from Ezeiza International Airport, where he had arrived a few minutes before for an official visit to Argentina. Ullueca, who arrived at the Jorge Newbery Metropolitan Airport at 1717 [2017 GMT], was met by Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari and by officials of the Argentine Foreign Ministry and of the Panamanian Embassy in Buenos Aires.

Interview on Arrival

PY170155 Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish 0000 GMT 17 Feb 83

[Text] Panamanian Vice President Jorge Illueca is currently visiting Argentina. Here is a report from the airport:

[Begin recording] [Announcer; in progress] Panamanian Vice President Jorge Illueca was met by Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari. The Panamanian vice president's large entourage is headed by Panamanian Foreign Minister Juan Jose Amado and it is made up of Argentine Ambassador to Panama Silvio Hector Neumann, among others.

[Question] Please sir, what is the purpose of your visit to Argentina?

[Answer] My visit is in response to an invitation made to me by the Argentine nation some time ago, which I felt I could not refuse.

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MASSERA SEES U.S. AS 'ENEMY' TO ARGENTINES

PY221722 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1325 GMT 19 Feb 83

[Excerpt] Buenos Aires, 19 Feb (NA) -- Former commander in chief of the Navy Adm Emilio Massera stated today that the war over the Malvinas has shown that we Argentines "have an enemy that is worse than Great Britain and that enemy is the United States." He also lamented that "we are trying to hide [this fact] and secure the good graces of the United States."

Regarding this topic, he added that it is not his intention to "declare war on the United States," but to get "Argentina to clearly define an independent policy, whether the Americans like it or not."

On the other hand, he scored "the persistent insults against the Armed Forces" and stated that he has been hurt by this type of attitude, because within the military institutions," as within civilian institutions, there are worthy people and there are persons who do not belong in the two sectors."

He believes that it is more important to plan for the future than to resort to insults "in the struggle for power."

Massera, who made these statements to Radio Mitre, agrees with the political leaders regarding the need to refinance the foreign debt by negotiating directly with the creditor banks and not with the IMF.

He also predicts that if this is not done, "then Argentina will continue to drown, not only next year," but "for many years to come, because the current situation precludes any type of analysis."

WEHBE RETURNS FROM U.S. VISIT, DENIES RUMORS

PY221815 Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish 1920 GMT 21 Feb 83

[Excerpts] Buenos Aires, 21 Feb (DYN) -- Today, Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe denied disagreements with the military junta. Wehbe also stated that "there was no mistake in estimating the foreign debt figure, but rather a misunderstanding with figures."

In statements made at Ezeiza International Airport upon returning from the United States this morning, the economy minister denied that the military junta has "urged" him to determine the exact figure of the foreign debt as soon as possible.

The minister justified the $6 billion difference between the announced foreign debt figure, arguing that "the private enterprises had to submit a sworn statement [of their debts], and that only a few of them were submitted 2 weeks ago."

Wehbe then stated that the difference between the foreign debt figures was due to exchange insurances, adding that "the exchange insurance figures were submitted to me in such a way that I thought they were separate accounts. This was the source of the problem. Nevertheless, the Central Bank's records are very exact."

The economy minister said he was "unaware" of the foreign debt figure reported by an Air Force spokesman "because I was abroad." At the same time, Wehbe declined to comment on whether the possibility of imposing a "social truce" is being studied.

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